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ALUMNI LOOK BACK TO THEIR LOYOLA

Des Larigue Reports on Loyola of the '50's

When John Dryden, England's great poet and author in the 17th century, wrote or translated (the debate still stands) the first life of St. Ignatius and restated the Church's position against the prevailing wages of sin, "Though doomed to death yet fated not to die," this statement could well sum up my thoughts about the recent change at my old alma mater.

When I attended the hallowed halls of learning at Loyola College, the total student population was around the 500 mark. I well remember a rector's holiday being declared when the number hit 600. Most students were acquainted with each other. Most of the students came from the English (Irish) Catholic population of the city, some from the French segment, a few others, like myself, crossed both lines.



Classes were small and the smoker, then located on the main floor of the present administration building, was the place where information, reliable and otherwise, was traded with great abandon. Here, total integration was the pattern. Future doctors, lawyers, engineers, business executives, or priests traded conversation and cigarettes. Although, no official course

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George Lengvari Reports on Loyola of the '60's

I look back at Loyola with great nostalgia and can honestly say that I miss the "good old days". I missed Loyola the day I left, but miss it less now because one can hardly recognize the place. I'm a great believer in progress, but is mere bigness progress? Is the shunting aside of old traditions progress? Was tearing down the Van Horne Mansion progress? Is the Loyola-SGWU merger progress?

The only positive addition Loyola seems to have made is the opening of its doors to women. We, in the old days, had to rely on sports and other memorable activities such as afternoon movies and more sports to pass the time away. But so what - we, the uninitiated, naive boys of the early 60's were generally too shy to really mingle with the members of the fairer sex and would probably not



have appreciated the advantages of co-education, although we always looked enviously at the photos of those beautiful California cheerleaders representing U. C. L. A. and those fabulous Southern belles who toiled on behalf of Alabama and Texas.

Bigness seems to be the trend in all phases of activity today. Bigness is here even if not all of us want

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A Christmas Message From The Principal

At a time when we read daily of such unpleasant and joyless matters as recession, inflation, unemployment, energy crisis and even of that horrid hybrid "stagflation", we feel a great and deep need for the light and joy of Christmas and for the hope of the New Year, soon to break upon us.

We hear much in these days of the price of gold but nothing of frankincense and myrrh. Let us remember in our hearts that gold and frankincense and myrrh were once brought as gifts by the Three Wise Men to a baby cradled in a manger in Bethlehem. That Christ Child became and remains for Christians all over the globe the light of the world.

In the reflected glory of that radiant light we can go forward joyfully into the Christmas season and the New Year. The good that we have known in Loyola will live on and can be built into the fabric of Concordia University which has already made an excellent start and deserves our support.

You Loyola Alumni are an integral part of a fine tradition. We shall constantly need your good-will and help as we build for the future and I am counting on you now as in the past. In that spirit I wish you and the members of your family a happy and holy Christmas and a New Year with happiness and health.

With warmest personal good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Aloysius Graham, S. J.

Aloysius Graham, S. J.
Vice-Rector, and Principal of
The Loyola Campus

Lartigue — cont'd.

criticism was allowable, the merits of various subjects as well as the professors were hotly debated. But, drastic changes overpowered us even that long ago. Young ladies (girls) from the old Marianapolis College first appeared on campus to take some science courses. Some whispered that they were Jesuit plants to keep us away from those passionate Protestant damsels.

Through all our years at Loyola, the firmness and strength of the Jesuit Fathers never slackened as they moulded our cultural and academic development. To some students, at times, they might have been restraining. To most of us, however, it was an inspiration and helped open the doors to a world of knowledge and learning.

Today, some 25 years since my days at Loyola, the college has grown with giant steps, and graduating classes far outnumber total student population of yesteryear. But regardless of its different makeup, physical as well as educational, Loyola is today still casting its influence on the rough seas of the Montreal and Canadian scenes.

The outer trappings of a strictly Jesuit-manned seat of learning are not there anymore and few of the Fathers are left. But it still is a school with a difference. A difference that is difficult to define and to describe - but it's there. How do I know? Well, I have a boy there and I can feel through him that the Jesuit tradition - respect for logic, a disciplined freedom of thought, and intellectual integrity - have not disappeared.

But what of tomorrow? The Loyola campus remains, but Concordia University is now the fact of Montreal collegial life. I have a great faith in man's ability to adapt and change, and to choose what is good and discard



what is not worth saving. If there are any elements of the Loyola tradition that are worth saving, and I strongly believe there are many, these will remain and even continue to flourish. Moreover, those among the present standardbearers, from Father Aloysius Graham S. J. down, will be able to bring a new perspective and dimension to the academic life of Concordia. It may not be easy but the challenge will bring out the best on both sides.

And so, in 25 years from now, when one of my grandchildren might be fortunate enough to graduate from Concordia, I may not recognize the curriculum, the corridors, the course leaders, the catholicity, or the clergy. But, if still alive, I am sure I will always recognize the new graduates' style and spirit inherited from the old Loyola campus. For who was to know that in the 16th century salvation was to come not from popes or emperors but from a lame, dwarfed Spanish gentleman named Ignatius. So who is to say that much of the future strength and glory of Concordia will not come from the smaller of the two founding partners.

DESMOND LARTIGUE '49

Lengvari — cont'd.

it or feel that it is in the best interests of people in general. Today, we have big companies, big unions, big government - is there any room for the small man? The answer would seem to be "only if he is willing to grow BIG".

Unfortunately, with bigness comes not only more but often less efficiency and also impersonality which seems to increase, as do our income taxes, on a progressive basis.

When we were at Loyola there were between 2,000 to 2,500 students and many of us knew up to 80% of these people, not necessarily on a first name or friendship basis, but at least for the purposes of saying "Hi". I am sure that our fellow alumni who graduated in recent years, as well as the students of the new Concordia University, have no idea of this tremendous feeling of personalization. As they say at Speedy Muffler King, at Loyola "Everybody was a Somebody" and everybody was made to feel like a somebody.

I cannot discuss the quality of education at Loyola today. I am sure it is as good, if not better than then, but I know that the most important quality which reached all of us at Loyola in the early 60's is no longer there. It was a quality of friendship and personalization which lent the college a homey and family atmosphere. Things happen so fast in our modern age that the family atmosphere today seems to be a thing of the past not only at Loyola, but everywhere and I don't think anyone is the better for it.

The students of Loyola College of Concordia University today are fortunate to have all the facilities to get a good education, facilities that in every way, including the athletic plant, are vastly superior to those which existed at Loyola in the early 60's. On the other hand, we the students of the early 60's were the truly blessed generation who knew Loyola when it was big enough to be on the map, but small enough to care for everyone. This environment produced some fine graduates who have gone on to achieve success in many fields of endeavour.

All of us, I am sure, wish the new University well, but many of us are saddened by the passing of the real Loyola College which was gone anyway - long before the merger.

GEORGE LENGVARI '63

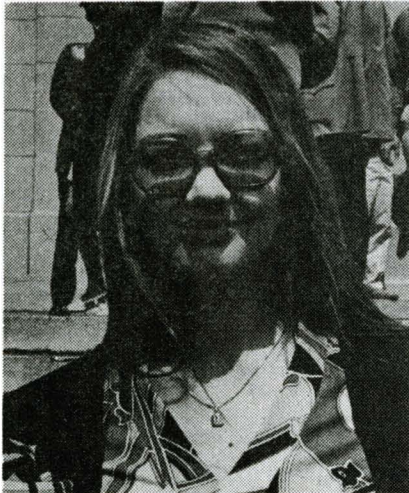


Senior Dormitory, Loyola College, Montreal.

Eva Jacek Reports on Loyola of the '70's

It is difficult to talk about one's college experience after being away from it for only a few months. I spent five years at Loyola and have been in the working world less than a year.

Like, I suppose, any small college, Loyola as I knew it was a place where many groups of people knew each other. These groups often intermingled, or at other times were distinct unto themselves. At any rate, unless you led a hermetic existence it was impossible not to at least vaguely recognize the people around Loyola - the administrators, the student leaders, the faculty, and generally anybody who was the least involved above and beyond attending classes.



This kind of familiarity results in a close-knit atmosphere which has its obvious attractive points as well as its negative ones - the tendency to be ingrown and preoccupied for example. Perhaps the merger with Sir George will help those of us from the Loyola ghetto appreciate the larger world around us. On the other hand the personal contact that can only develop in the context of a small college may help illuminate the more anonymous, depersonalized quality Sir George has always impressed me with having.

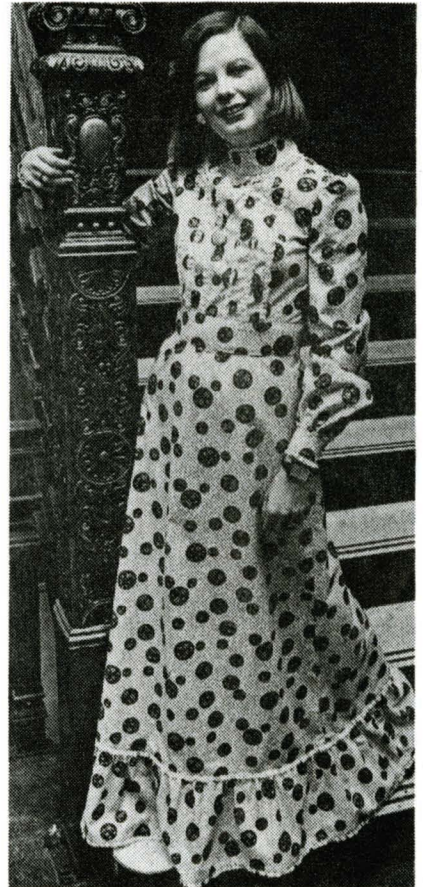
In terms of academics Loyola has always been strong in the area of liberal arts - an area where humanism has always been stressed in both subject and approach. Anywhere where the human element is prized, the creative in the arts, the dynamic in politics, and the dialectical in learning, will flourish and become part of a community's social values. Above all this human element is worth guarding.

Wine, Cheese & Fashions Set For Feb. 14

This February when it seems that everyone but yourself is escaping to the south, the Alumni Association will be chasing away winter doldrums with a Wine and Cheese party and a sneak preview of 1975's spring and summer fashions. The party takes place Friday, February 14 at 8 p.m. on the top floor of the Campus Centre. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the Alumni Office.

Seagrams Distillers Corporation is providing the wines, among them Chambord, Chantilly, Moulin Mouton, Papillon, Pica Rosé, and a Sangria. About 14 varieties of cheese have been selected for the evening, from Brie and Amfron, to two kinds of Canadian cheddar. There will also be an assortment of garnishes and snacks.

The fashion show, scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m., is not for women-only (male alumni members will enjoy seeing the latest in fabrics and styles for suits and sportswear). Dominion Textile is putting on the show to display their retail line of fabrics - cottons, polyesters, corduroys and knits. Bathing suits, lingerie, gowns, men's and women's sportswear, Chanel suits, daytime dresses in every length, are some of the 60-80 pieces being modeled by professionals from the Constance Brown and Audrey Morris agencies.



Laurien Hawke of Student Services models Dominion Textile dress

Jacek — cont'd.

Even though we have failed in some measure at Loyola, (as people do), we have succeeded in a larger one - in at least treasuring what we have developed and being hesitant about yielding our values readily to a larger group. If Loyola brings something to Sir George it will be this humanism. What Sir George will bring is difficult for me to say, but Loyola's presence in Concordia will undoubtedly be a spirited, vocal and enriching one.

EVA JACEK '74

Wine & Cheese — cont'd.

"The show is designed for the home sewer", says Yolande Cardinal of Dominion Textile who is co-ordinating the show. "The clothes are made up from commercial patterns, like Vogue and Butterick, in materials that will be available this spring in most retail stores. The clothes to be shown are not for sale, but pattern numbers will be given with each article".

Musical entertainment during the show will be provided by Montreal guitarist, James Farrell. For ticket information contact the Alumni Office, 482-0320, local 402, or write to 7141 Sherbrooke Street, West.

ALUMNEWS

Events

LOYOLA SKI CLUB SKI WEEK

December 26 - 31

Accommodations at Mt. Ste. Anne, Que. include lodging, meals, tow, entertainment, and transportation.

Cost is \$115; limited space;

For information call Rod - 488-4306, or Erwin 768-0369

NATIVE PEOPLES OF CANADA SERIES

Tuesday, January 7

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Bryan Building Room 204, Loyola Campus

Admission: Free

Speaker: Velma Bourgue, Loyola graduate with Department of Indian Affairs, and Indians of Que. Association, Manitou College

Topic: "Native Education in Canada: An Overview"

CONCORDIA POETRY SERIES

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Place: Vanier Auditorium, Loyola campus

Admission: Free

January 13: Michael Ondaatje



'67

Nino Calafiore and his wife Lynn Munday '71 are living in Ottawa. Nino is working for Sun Oil Company Limited as a Marketing Specialist, Branded Reseller Sales.

'61

Lawrence F. Sheehan Jr. has been appointed Chief of the Engineering and Design Section, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Boston, Mass.

'60

Neil O'Gallagher, Q. L. S. was elected President of the Order of Land Surveyors of Quebec at the general meeting held in June.

Edward John Olszewski '71 and Mary Jean Sehn '72 married in July, are living in Ottawa. Mary is an English specialist teaching in the Hull area. Ed completed a Master's Degree in Engineering at Carleton University on a National Research Council Scholarship and is working with the Research and Development Division of Bowmar, Canada.

Births

Scipio Del Campo, to Andrew '73 and Ann (nee Lefebvre) a son, Andrew III, November 22 at Notre-Dame Hospital.

News

'73

Jo-Ann Brislan has received a Master's Degree in Business Administration this year from York University.

D. W. Patterson has been transferred for a two year term to the United Kingdom office of Consolidated-Bathurst Limited.

Andrew Scipio Del Campo is Portfolio Manager at the Montreal Trust Company.

'72

Charles Herbert Shea received a Master's Degree this year in Business Administration from York University.

'70

John Lee Firth has completed a Master's Degree in Psychology from York University.

Claude A. Hould has been appointed Analyst-Administrator, Direct Retail, with Gulf Oil Canada's Central Region.

Marriages

Michael Boire '71 and Catherine Edge

'71 were married recently and are living in Ste. Foy, Quebec. Michael is an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, Valcartier.

Michel Guoin '61 and Francine Paré

'72 were married in September and are living in Ste. Julie, Quebec.

John Kotrly '74 and Maria Remerowski were married November 30 at the Unitarian Church in Montreal. John is studying for an MBA at Concordia's Sir George campus.

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